Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

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Nanny pilot program - update of progress

Question

Senator LINES: Of those 3,000 families in the pilot program, how many have actually accessed a session of care provided by a nanny?

Ms Pearce: I cannot tell you that at the moment. I will explain what the process is. The selection of the 10 services was made. We provided each of the families with the name of the service in the area. Then the services began to talk to the families, tried to look at what their requirements were, when they wanted to start et cetera and started to put on nannies. It is a process—

Senator LINES: So the government has no idea?

Ms J Wilson: As Ms Pearce said, they are in the process of talking to the families. We do not have a recent update from the 10 service providers, but we can find that information out. Also, because of the holidays, a lot of families did not want nannies to start until a later period, so they have not been engaged because it has not been their priority while they have been on leave. A lot of that is actively happening now, so we can get an update for you. Senator LINES: Those who have actually accessed a session of care?

Ms J Wilson: Yes.

Senator LINES: But you do not know that now?

Ms J Wilson: No.

Answer

Please refer to SQ16-000190.